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**non-sig-nif-i-cant** (nōn'sig-nif'i-kānt) adj. Having, producing, or being a value obtained from a statistical test that lies within the limits for being of random occurrence. — **non'sig-nif-i-cant-ly** adv.

**non-sked** (nōn'skēd') n. [Short for NONSCHEDULED.] Informal. A nonscheduled airline or cargo plane.

**non-skid** (nōn'skid') adj. Designed to prevent or inhibit skidding <*nonskid flooring*>.

**non-stan-dard** (nōn-stān'dārd) adj. 1. Varying from or not conforming to the standard. 2. Of, relating to, or indicating a level of language usage usu. avoided by educated speakers and writers.

**non-stick** (nōn'stik') adj. Facilitating removal of adhered food particles <*a nonstick coating on a saucepan*>.

**non-stop** (nōn'stop') adj. 1. Making or having made no stops <*a nonstop airline flight*>. 2. Unceasing : unremitting <*nonstop chatter*> — **non'stop' adv.**

**non-such (nōn'such')** n. var. of **NONESUCH**.

**non-suit** (nōn'sūt') n. [ME, failure of a plaintiff to prosecute < AN nonsuite : non-, no (< Lat. *non*) + suite, suit.] *Law*. A judgment against a plaintiff for failure to prosecute his or her case or to introduce sufficient evidence. — **vt. -suit-ed, -suit-ing, -suited**. To dismiss the lawsuit of.

**non-sup-port** (nōn'spōrt', -pōrt') n. *Law*. Failure to provide for the maintenance of one's legal dependents.

**non-tar-get** (nōn'tār'git) adj. Of, pertaining to, or being an object not meant to be acted upon by an agent.

**non-ten-ured** (nōn'tēn'yard, -yōōrd') adj. Not having or bringing about tenure <*a nontenured professor*> <*nontenured teaching position*>.

**non-triv-i-al** (nōn-triv'i-əl) adj. Math. Of, pertaining to, or being an expression in which at least one variable is not equal to zero.

**non-trop-po** (nōn trō'pō, nōn) adv. *ecl* [Ital., not too much.] *Mus.* In moderation. — Used to modify a direction.

**non-U (nōn'yōō')** adj. Chiefly Brit. Not belonging or appropriate to upper-class custom.

**non-un-ion** (nōn-yōōn'yzn) adj. 1. Not belonging to a labor union. 2. Not acknowledging or dealing with a labor union or employing union members.

**non-u-ple** (nōn'yō-pəl) adj. [OFr. < Lat. *nonus*, nine.] 1. Consisting of nine members, parts, or elements : **NINEFOLD**. 2. Multiplied by nine. — *n.* A number or total that is nine times as great as another.

**non-use** (nōn'yōōz) n. 1. The fact or state of not being used. 2. Failure to utilize : **NEGLIGENCE**.

**non-us-er** (nōn'yōōzər) n. 1. One who refrains from the use of something, as of alcohol or narcotic drugs. 2. One who fails to take advantage of something as a service.

**non-ver-bal** (nōn-vür'bal) adj. 1. Being other than verbal <*nonverbal expression*>. 2. a. Involving little use of language <*a nonverbal aptitude test*>. b. Measuring low on a scale of verbal ability.

**non-vi-a-ble** (nōn've-ə-bal') adj. 1. Not capable of living or developing, as a fetus. 2. Not workable or practicable.

**non-vi-o-lence** (nōn've-ə-ləns) n. 1. Lack of violence. 2. The doctrine, policy, or practice of rejecting violence in favor of peaceful tactics as a means of gaining esp. political objectives. — **non've-o-lent** adj. — **non've-o-lent-ly** adv.

**non-vot-er** (nōn-vō'tər) n. One who does not vote or who has no right to vote.

**noo-dle<sup>1</sup>** (nōōd'l) n. [Poss. alteration of **NODDLE**.] 1. *Slang*. The human head. 2. A stupid person.

**noo-dle<sup>2</sup>** (nōōd'l) n. [G. *Nudel*.] A typically ribbonlike strip of dried dough, usu. made of flour, eggs, and water.

**noo-dle<sup>3</sup>** (nōōd'l) vi. -dled, -dling, -dles. [Orig. unknown.] To improvise instrumental music idly and haphazardly.

**nook** (nōōk) n. [ME *nok*, prob. of Scand. orig.] 1. A small corner, alcove, or recess, esp. one that is part of a larger room. 2. A hidden or secluded spot.

**noon** (nōōn) n. [ME *nōōn* < OE, ninth hour after sunrise < LLat. *nōōna* (*hora*) < Lat. *nonius*; ninth.] 1. a. Twelve o'clock in the daytime : **MID-DAY**. b. The time or the point in the sun's path when it is on the local meridian. 2. The highest point : **ZENITH**. 3. Archaic. Midnight.

**noon-day** (nōōn'dā'), n. -Noon.

**no one also no-one** (nōōn'wīn') pron. No person : **NOBODY**.

**noon-tide** (nōōn'tid') n. [ME *montide* < OE *nōōntid* : *nōōn*, noon + *tid*, time.] Noon : noontime.

**noon-time** (nōōn'tim') n. Noon.

**noose** (nōōs') n. [ME *nōōse*.] 1. A loop formed in a rope by means of a slipknot so that it binds tighter as the rope is pulled. 2. A snare or trap. — **vt. noosed, noos-ing, noos-es.** 1. To capture or hold by or as if by a noose. 2. To make a noose of or in.

**Noot-ka** (nōōt'kā, nōōt') n. 1. A member of an American Indian people living on Vancouver Island in British Columbia and Cape Flattery in northwestern Washington. 2. The Wakashan language of the Nootka. — **Noot'ka adj.**

**Nootka cypress** n. [After Nootka Sound, Canada.] A tall evergreen tree, *Chamaecyparis nootkatensis* of the northwestern coast of North America.

**no-pal** (nōōpōl, nōōpōl', -pōl') n. [Sp. < Nahuatl *nopalli*.] 1. A cactus of the genus *Nopalea*, esp. *N. coccinellifera*, found chiefly in Mexico.

2. A species of prickly pear, *Opuntia lindheimeri*, with yellow or red flowers and purple fruit.

**no-par** (nōōpär') adj. Having no face value <*a no-par stock*>.

**no-par-val-ue** (nōōpär-väl'yōō) adj. No-par.

**nope** (nōōp) adv. [Alteration of *no!*] **no!**

**nor<sup>1</sup>** (nōōr, nōōr when unstressed) conj. [ME : ne, no + or, or.] And *or* : or not : not either <We have neither the time nor the money. >

**nor<sup>2</sup>** (nōōr, nōōr when unstressed) conj. [ME.] *Regional*. Than.

**NOR** (nōōr) n. [*N(or) + or*] A machine logic circuit that produces an output inverse to that of an OR circuit.

**nor<sup>pref</sup>** [*< NORMAL*] An unaltered parent compound <*norepinephrine*>.

**nor-a-dren-a-lin** (nōōr'a-drēn'a-lin) n. Norepinephrine.

**Nord-dic** (nōōrd'ik) adj. [Fr. *nordique* < OFr. *nord*, north < OE *nōōrd*] 1. Of or relating to Scandinavia or the Scandinavian peoples. 2. Of or relating to a tall, longheaded, blond, and blue-eyed human physique exemplified esp. by the peoples of Scandinavia. 3. Of or pertaining to ski competition featuring cross-country racing and ski jumping.

— **Nor'die n.**

**Nord-mann fir** (nōōrd'mān) n. [After A. von Nordmann (d. 1866).] A widely planted evergreen tree, *Abies nordmanniana*, bearing reddish-brown, erect cones.

**nor-east-er** (nōōr'ē-stār) n. A northeaster.

**nor-ep-i-neph-rine** (nōōr'ē-pē-nēf'rēn, -rēn') n. A hormone,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3$ , that is a vasoconstrictor formed naturally in the body's sympathetic nerve endings.

**Nor-folk Island pine** (nōōr'fōlk) n. An evergreen tree, *Araucaria excelsa*, native to Norfolk Island in the South Pacific.

**Norfolk jacket** n. [After Norfolk, England.] A belted jacket with two box pleats in front and back.

**no-ri-ah** (nōōr'ē-ā, nōōr'ē) n. [Sp. < Ar. *nā'irah* < *na'ara*, to creak.] A water wheel with buckets attached to its rim that are used to raise water from a stream, esp. for transferal to an irrigation trough.

**nor-ite** (nōōr'īt) n. [Norw. *norit* < Norge, Norway.] Gabbro. — **nor-ite'ic** (nōōr'īt'ik) adj.

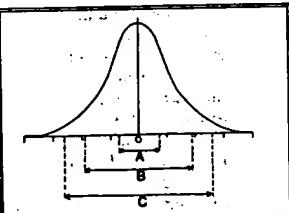
**norm** (nōōrm) n. [Lat. *norma*, carpenter's square.] 1. A standard, model, or pattern considered to be as typical for a specific group. 2. Math. a. A mode. b. An average. c. The length of a vector.

**Nor-ma** (nōōr'mā) n. [NLat. < Lat. *norma*, carpenter's square.] A constellation in the Southern Hemisphere.

**nor-mal** (nōōr'māl) adj. [Lat. *normalis*, made according to the square < *norma*, carpenter's square.] 1. Conforming, adhering to, or constituting a typical or usual standard, pattern, level, or type. 2. Biol. a. Not affected, immunized, or altered by experimentation. b. Functioning or occurring in a natural way. 3. Chem. a. Describing a solution having one gram equivalent weight of solute per liter of solution. b. Describing an aliphatic hydrocarbon having a straight and unbranched chain of carbon atoms. 4. Math. Being at right angles : **PERPENDICULAR**. 5. a. Relating to or characterized by average intelligence or development. b. Free from physical or emotional disorder. — *n.* 1. Something normal ; STANDARD. 2. The expected or usual state, form, amount, or degree. 3. a. Correspondence to a norm. b. An average. 4. Math. A perpendicular, esp. a perpendicular to a line tangent to a plane curve or to a plane tangent to a space curve. — **nor'mal-ly** adv.

**nor-mal-cy** (nōōr'māl-sē) n. Normality.

**normal distribution** n. A theoretical frequency distribution for a set of variable data, usu. represented by a bell-shaped curve symmetrical about the mean.



**normal distribution**  
A. 50% of area, B. 95% of area, C. 99% of area

**nor-mal-i-ty** (nōōr'māl'i-tē) n. The quality or state of being normal. — **nor-mal-ize** (nōōr'māl'iz') vt. -ized, -iz-ing, -iz-es. 1. To cause to conform to a norm or standard. 2. Metallurgy. To remove strains from and reduce coarse crystalline structures of by applying heat. 3. To bring or return to a normal state <*normalize diplomatic relations*>.

— **nor'mal-i-za'tion n.** — **nor'mal-iz'er** n.

**normal pentane** n. A pentane.

**normal school** n. [Transl. of Fr. *école normale* (so called because the first school so named was intended as a model) < Lat. *normalis*,

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